

## STUDY 01 – WHAT IS TRUTH? WHY DO I BELIEVE & PRACTICE WHAT I DO? IS IT TRUE OR

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**QUESTION: WHAT IS TRUTH?**

Joh\_18:38 Pilate saith unto him (Jesus), **What is truth?** And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him (Jesus) no fault at all.**

**QUESTION: WHY DO I BELIEVE & PRACTICE WHAT I DO?**

[A.] Act 17:22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, **I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.**

Act 17:23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.**

[B.] Joh 4:19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

Joh 4:20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Joh 4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Joh 4:22 **Ye worship ye know not what:** we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

[C.] 1Co\_12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, **I would not have you ignorant.**

**QUESTION: SO, WHAT IS TRUTH?**

[A.] Joh\_17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**

[B.] Psa 25:10 **All the paths of the LORD are** mercy and **truth** unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

[C.] Psa 119:142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **thy law is the truth.**

[D.] Psa 119:151 Thou art near, O LORD; and **all thy commandments are truth.**

[E.] Joh 14:6 **Jesus** saith unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

[F.] 1Jn\_5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because **the Spirit is truth.** (see also John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13)

[G.] Deu\_32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a **God of truth** and without iniquity, just and **right is he.** (see also John 3:33, "God is true"; Romans 3:4, "yea, let God be true"; John 17:3, "the only true God")

**QUESTION: HOW DO I KNOW GOD IS TRUE, AND HIS WORD TRUTH?**

[A.] Isa 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: **I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.**

[B.] Tit\_1:2 In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie,** promised before the world began;

[C.] Heb\_6:18 That by two immutable things, in which **it was impossible for God to lie,** we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

**[1] PROPHECY (FUTURE) (FALL OF BABYLON, DESOLATION OF EGYPT, 4 WORLD KINGDOMS):**

Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

Isa 46:10 **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,** saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

[A.] **FOUR** world empires would arise: **BABYLON, MEDO-PERSIA, GREECE, & ROME** (Daniel chapters 2, 7, 8-12).

[B.] **CYRUS** to be the warrior to capture Babylon (Isaiah 45:1-3).

[C.] After **BABYLON'S** destruction, it would never be inhabited again (Isaiah 13:19-20; Jeremiah 51:37).

[D.] **EGYPT** would never again have a commanding position among the nations (Ezekiel 29:14, 15 30:12-13).

[E.] Earth-shaking **CALAMITIES & FEAR** toward the end of time (Luke 21:25-26).

[F.] Moral **DEGENERACY & DECLINE** of spirituality in the last days (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

**[2] CURRENTLY (PRESENT TRUTH) (CIVIL WAR, UNREST, ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH CRISES, FAMILY):**

2Pe\_1:12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and **be established in the present truth.**

**[3] HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY (PAST) (GLOBAL FLOOD, TEL DAN STELE, MERNEPTAH STELE, CYRUS CYLINDER, NABONIDUS CHRONICLE, &c):**

Ecc 1:9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Ecc 3:15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

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**[4] UNITY (HARMONY):**

**[A.]** Isa 28:10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: (see also Isaiah 28:13)

**[B.]** Mat\_18:16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

**[C.]** 1Co\_14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets

**The 66 books (39 - GENESIS TO MALACHI, + 27, MATTHEW TO REVELATION) of the Bible were written:**

**[I.]** On three continents (EGYPT, **AFRICA**; CANAAN &/or JUDEA, **ASIA** (MINOR); PATMOS, &/or ROME, **EUROPE**).

**[II.]** In three languages (**HEBREW**, **SYRIACK** (ARAMAIC), koine **GREEK**).

**[III.]** By about 40 different people (**MOSES**, **JOSHUA**, **SAMUEL**, **EZRA**, **NEHEMIAH**, **DAVID**, **SOLOMON**, **AGUR**, **LEMUEL**, **SONS OF KORAH**, **ASAPH**, **HEMAN THE EZRAHITE**, **HEZEKIAH**, **ISAIAH**, **JEREMIAH**, **EZEKIEL**, **DANIEL**, **NEBUCHADNEZZAR**, **HOSEA**, **JOEL**, **AMOS**, **OBADIAH**, **JONAH**, **MICAH**, **NAHUM**, **HABAKKUK**, **ZEPHANIAH**, **HAGGAI**, **ZECHARIAH**, **MALACHI**, **MATTHEW**, **MARK**, **LUKE**, **JOHN**, **PAUL**, **TERTIUS**, **JAMES**, **PETER**, **JUDE**, and perhaps 1 or two others (priests, scribes, amanuensis, &c).

**[IV.]** Over a period of about 1,500-1,600 years (**TIME OF PROPHET MOSES TO APOSTLE JOHN**).

**[V.]** On the most controversial subjects (**RELIGION**, **POLITICS**, **PHILOSOPHY**, **CREATION**, **FAMILY**, **SEXUALITY**, &c)

**[VI.]** By people who, in most cases, had never met.

**[VII.]** By authors whose education and background varied greatly (such as **KINGS**, **SHEPHERDS**, **PROPHETS**, **MUSICIANS**, **SCIENTISTS**, **LAWYERS**, **GENERAL**, **FISHERMEN**, **PRIESTS**, **SCRIBES**, **PHYSICIAN**, **RICH & POOR**).

**[5] TESTIMONY (WITNESS):**

**[A.]** Gal 1:23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

Gal 1:24 And they glorified God in me.

**[B.]** Gal\_2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**[6] CONSERVANCY (PRESERVATION, “Divine Inspiration, without Divine Preservation & Translation, would be a Divine waste of time.”):**

Psa 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psa 12:7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. (see also Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4, 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 4:4, 21:33; 2 Cor. 3:2-3; Col. 1:13; Heb. 11:5; 2 Sam. 3:10)

**[7] IN-ERRENCY or ACCURACY (IN ALL THINGS, MORALITY, MATHEMATICALLY, SCIENTIFICALLY, MEDICALLY, AGRICULTURALLY, HORTICULTURALLY, SOCIETALLY):**

**[A.]** Psa\_119:160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

**[B.]** Pro\_22:21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee? (see also Daniel 10:21, 11:2)

**[C.]** Joh 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken:

**FINAL THOUGHTS:**

**[A.]** Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

**[B.]** 1Pe\_4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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**[C.] 2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

**2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

**2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

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